



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

EVENT FOCUSES ON LATE ACTIVIST SISTER PROVIDENCIA

By KARENA CHANDLER-SARA and MEGAN CHANDLER Great Falls Tribune

Half a century ago, Sister Providencia Tolan, known by many as "Sister Buckskin," took her fight to improve living conditions for Native Americans from the halls of Congress to the shacks on Hill 57 on the outskirts of Great Falls.

HAND GAMESMANSHIP

Posted on reznetnews.org By Jennifer Kirby | Audio slideshow by Adam Sings In The Timber and Emily Haas for CrowNews.Net

LODGE GRASS, Mont.--Families and friends gathered here on a recent Saturday night for an informal hand game tournament. Seven teams paid the \$100 entry fee, hoping to win the \$700 prize.

GOVERNOR SCHWEITZER PAYS A VISIT TO THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION

By Alyssa Kelly Char-Koosta News (03/06/08)



Governor Brian Schweitzer listened to a public response during a meeting with the Tribes in the council chambers while councilman Charles "Charlie" Morigeau and Chairman James Steele, Jr., watched. (Alyssa Kelly photo)

PABLO - "I'm not here to dictate how council handles situations," said Montana's Governor Schweitzer as he addressed Tribal Council and several spectators. "I'm here as a friend. You guys bring me good ideas

and I'll implement them. I can't do this alone. I depend on my friends for ideas to help Montana."

SKC'S COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT IS REWARDED FOR HARD WORK

By Alyssa Kelly Char-Koosta News 03/06/07



State Farm agent Jeff Andrews (right) presented a \$90,000 check from the State Farm Youth Advisory

Board to SKC for a program that teaches youth about tribal culture.

BHS INDIANS WIN THE CLASS A BASKETBALL TITLE-

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter (03/05/08)

"Well, from the fans' point of view it was probably a boring game, but from the coaches' viewpoint, it was perfect," said Browning High School's head varsity basketball coach Ray Augare, of the Indians' championship win over Butte Central in the Billings Metra Saturday, March 1. The 72-52 bombing of Butte followed what was at halftime a close game against Stevensville, Friday, in the semifinal. Browning pulled that one out in the second half, 67-52. The entire weekend began, as it happened, with a 62-47 romp over Whitefish on Thursday.

LISTENING THUNDER ART SHOW DEBUTS FRIDAY, SATURDAY

By ERIC NEWHOUSE, Great Falls Tribune

A new event, the first annual Listening Thunder Art Show, will display the historic 13-star Indian Peace Flag at 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Montana ExpoPark's Family Living Center.

ARTMAN PROMOTES TRIBAL ENERGY RESOURCE AGREEMENTS

Indianz.com (03/11/08)

The [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#) awaits the first applicants for its newly-implemented tribal energy regulations, assistant secretary Carl Artman said on Monday. Final regulations that were published in the Federal Register allow tribes to exercise greater control over their energy resources. Tribes can submit a tribal energy resource agreement, or TERA, to the BIA to speed up approval of leases, rights-of-way and other business deals.

REPORT DETAILS HEALTH PROBLEMS AMONG URBAN AMERICAN INDIANS

By GARANCE BURKE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FRESNO, California -- Rich or poor, American Indians in cities across the country are facing startling health challenges unlike those of any other urban population, according to a new federal study.

FORMER TRIBAL PRESIDENT TO RETURN TO JOB

By BECKY SHAY Billings Gazette

Geri Small has been elected president of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Tribe.

PRETTY ON TOP DECLARES RUN FOR TRIBAL POST

By TOM LUTEY Billings Gazette

Promising to build 1,000 new homes on Crow tribal land if elected, Burton Pretty On Top Sr., announced his campaign for tribal chairman Monday.

APOLOGY PLEASES, SURPRISES INDIAN LEADERS

By MARGA LINCOLN - Independent Record - 03/02/08

Two American Indian leaders in Montana say they are pleased and surprised at the Senate's actions this week apologizing to American Indians.

JOB VACANCIES:

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

RESIDENTIAL APPRAISER, POSITION #58108003, Division: Property Assessment, **Band/Salary:** 4/\$13.84 - \$16.44/hr DOQ, Status: Permanent/Full-time, City: Polson, Union: Yes, Supplement: No, Closing Date: March 21, 2008

RESIDENTIAL APPRAISER POSITION #58108605, Division: Property Assessment, Band/Salary: 4/\$13.84 - \$16.44/hr DOQ, Status: Permanent/Full-time, City: Great Falls, Union: Yes, Supplement: No, Closing Date: March 21, 2008

OFFICE ASSISTANT (PROPERTY VALUATION SPECIALIST), POSITION #58108343, Division: Property Assessment Division, Band/Salary: 3-G10/\$9.55 - \$11.35/hr DOQ, Status: Permanent/Full-time, Location: Polson, Union: Yes, Supplement: No, Closing Date: March 19, 2008

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

FULFILLMENT ASSISTANT (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT), #05231, .5 FTE, Montana Promotion Division, Department of Commerce, Helena, Salary \$9.64 - \$12.05. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website: www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or 406-841-2718. Deadline: March 28, 2008.

CONTRACT MANAGER (ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST) #66467, 2 positions, Housing Division, Department of Commerce, Helena, Salary \$28,139 - \$35,174. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website: www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or 406-841-2718. Deadline: March 19, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, (BOND PROGRAM ASSISTANT) #66543, Board of Investments, Department of Commerce, Helena, Salary \$24,063-\$30,079. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website: www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or 406-841-2718. Deadline: Initial Screening will begin March 21, 2008. Position will remain open until filled.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

BENEFITS PROGRAM OFFICER - WELLNESS, POSITION #61166004, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$32,867 to \$41,084 DOQ. This position is responsible for developing, administering and revising Health Promotion and Wellness programs within the Division. Application deadline: Monday March 24, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=314

CHIEF LEGAL COUNCIL, POSITION #61100012, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$75,000 to \$87,500 DOQ. This position provides legal services, including litigation, for public pension, human resources, health benefits,

contract/procurement, IT, construction, and related areas of law. First closing date 5:00 p.m Wednesday March 19, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=313

STATE EEO/ADA COORDINATOR, POSITION #61106402, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$40,736 to \$50,920 DOQ. Directs, coordinates and monitors statewide activities to ensure State Government complies with State and federal EEO/ADA laws. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m Monday March 24, 2008. For a complete vacancy contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=315

EVENTS/TRAINING:

INDIAN ED FOR ALL ADVISORY BOARD. MARCH 21 / 11:30AM - 1:00PM. FRONT STREET LEARNING CENTER

Contact:

Joe Furshong, Director of Student Services
Helena Public Schools
55 South Rodney Street
Helena, Montana 59601
406.324.2005
406.324.2018 (fax)

Tuesday, April 8: The Flathead Valley Community College Multicultural Office will present **"THE LITTLE SHELL CHIPPEWA: MONTANA'S LANDLESS INDIANS"** by Karen Emerson. The event will be held on the FVCC campus, Blake Hall room 140 at 7:00 PM. It is free and open to the public. For further information call 756-3945.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BALLET THEATRE has been invited to perform and participate in cultural exchanges in China **May 14 - 29, 2008**. This invitation was facilitated by Montana Senator Max Baucus and Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong. The program that RMBT is taking to China is titled "Montana" and includes an Intertribal Pow wow and "Rocky Mountain Serenade" which incorporates Native drumming and dancing in a piece with an original score and choreography. **Louie Plant is a Fancy Dancer and has included Catherine Addison, Leo Charlie and Shonto and Vanessa Pete for this China tour.**

RMBT presented the entire program over Thanksgiving weekend at the Wilma Theatre and will perform in Plains and Billings MT before leaving for China.

Travel costs to China for this tour are \$3,500 per person. If you would like to donate to the expenses of this trip, please contact: Charlene Campbell & Karen Carreno at (406) 549-5155

THINGS ARE HEATING UP ON E-BAY AS LOCAL AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR AN ECO-TOURISM EXPEDITION <http://www.stlabre.org/Ads/Belize.asp>

Ashland, Mont. ---- St. Labre Indian School advanced biology students are turning to the World Wide Web and EBay Giving Works rather than going door to door to raise money for their annual eco-tourism expedition in May.

By purchasing an individual bottle or a case of Marie Sharp's Habanera Pepper Sauce EBay bidders will help send American Indian advanced biology students to live amongst other indigenous peoples of Costa Rica for a week to study the zoology, botany and biology of the region.

St. Labre Indian School, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1884, provides nearly 800 Crow and Northern

Cheyenne reservation students in southeastern Montana with a tuition-free, pre-K to high school education, that combines spirituality and Native American culture to educate the whole child.

INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA ONLINE COURSE TRAINS TEACHERS IN INDIAN EDUCATION

Montana Associated Technologies Roundtable March 4, 2008

Web Course Trains Teachers In Indian Education. UM offers a new tool to help teachers and administrators enhance their Indian-based curriculum, an online graduate course called Indian Education Leadership Training. March 3, 2008

Contact: Sally Thompson, director, UM Regional Learning Project, 406-243-5889, sally.thompson@umontana.edu ; Darrell Stolle, associate professor, UM Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 406-243-5126, darrell.stolle@mso.umt.edu.

THE HEALTHY ABORIGINAL NETWORK NON-PROFIT PROMOTION OF HEALTH, LITERACY & WELLNESS DIABETES PREVENTION COMIC BOOK

We've recently released An Invited Threat, our diabetes prevention comic book. It's about a young boy and what he likes to eat more than anything – junk food. His family exercises and they eat together at the table, but they don't always have time to prepare a healthy meal, so they rely on prepared foods. And it's about someone who has the ability to change the dietary habits of his people – the local store manager. The story was focus group tested with youth and health professionals for its ability to convey the idea of what is, and what is not, healthy food. Pricing can be found at www.thehealthyaboriginal.net. All of our comics cost the same.

Suicide prevention comic book

Darkness Calls, our suicide prevention comic book, is about to go into its third print run, once again on high quality coated paper, having sold 50,000 copies across Canada. Please send an email if you're interested in purchasing copies.

Contact:

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sean@thehealthyaboriginal.net
BC incorporated non-profit Society No. S-48530**

MONTANA COWBOY HALL OF FAME & WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER AND STUDIO 360 ARCHITECTURE TO HOST PRELIMINARY ARCHITECT WORKSHOP IN LEWISTOWN

Studio 360 Architecture of Helena, Mont. has been selected as the architect to perform the Preliminary Architecture Report (PAR) for the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center to be built in Wolf Point. Scott Cromwell and Marina Little of Studio 360 Architecture will be hosting a workshop in Lewistown, Wednesday, **March 19**, at the Fergus County Council on Aging located at 307 W. Watson from 7-9 p.m. The public is invited to attend to help create the new museum that will tell the story of the cowboys, cowgirls and Native American Indian people of Montana as well as many facets of our Western Heritage.

For more information, contact Christy Stensland at the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center at (406) 653-3800, email cowboys@nemont.net or log on at <http://www.montanacowboyfame.com>.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

TRIBAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ON LEAD POISONING AND BASELINE ASSESSMENT OF TRIBAL CHILDREN'S EXISTING AND POTENTIAL EXPOSURE AND RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH LEAD: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2008

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting proposals from Federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal consortia to support Tribal educational outreach and to conduct a baseline assessment of Tribal children's existing and potential exposure to lead-based paint and related lead-based paint hazards. Activities eligible for funding include educational outreach, data gathering, inspections, risk assessments, training, and development of new and innovative approaches to identifying or reducing lead poisoning. EPA is awarding grants which will provide approximately \$500,000 to Federally-recognized Indian tribes to perform those activities and to encourage Indian tribes to consider continuing such activities in the future. The number of grants EPA will fund as a result of this announcement will be based on the quality of proposals received and the availability of funding. It is anticipated that approximately 4-6 awards will be made. If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact: Darlene Watford at 202-566-0516. [Darlene Watford](#)

TRIBAL ENERGY RESOURCE AGREEMENTS UNDER THE INDIAN TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT; FINAL RULE

Indianz.com (03/11/08)

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is promulgating final regulations providing that Indian tribes, at their discretion, may enter into business agreements and leases for energy resource development and grant rights-of-way for pipelines or electric transmission or distribution lines on tribal land without the Secretary's review and approval. Indian tribes entering into such business agreements, leases, and grants of rights-of-way must execute them under an approved tribal energy resource agreement (TERA) between the Secretary and the tribe. These final regulations provide the process under which a tribe may apply for, and the Secretary may grant, authority for an Indian tribe to review and approve leases and business agreements and grant rights-of-way for specific energy development activities on tribal lands through an approved TERA. The regulations also cover processes for implementation of TERAs, including periodic review and evaluation of a tribe's activities under a TERA, enforcement of TERA provisions, and administrative appeals. The regulations also include a process for a tribe's voluntarily rescinding a TERA.

HOLLAND & KNIGHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THIRD ANNUAL YOUNG NATIVE WRITERS' ESSAY CONTEST

by: Staff Reports / Indian Country Today© (03/10/08)

WASHINGTON - The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation announced the third annual Young Native Writers' Essay Contest. The contest focuses on the richness of American Indian life and history, and works closely with the Indian law practice group of Holland & Knight LLP.

(NUTRITION) AMS OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS MARKETS (MARCH)

Agency: Agriculture Dept. (Agricultural Marketing Service—AMS); **Program:** Farmers Market Promotion Program (CFDA Number: 10.168); **Eligibility:** Agricultural cooperatives, 501 (c)(3) nonprofits, Economic Development Corps. and tribal governments; **Funding:** \$1 million for 25 awards; **Deadline:** March 24.

Purpose: These AMS funds go for direct producer-to-consumer marketing opportunity projects addressing issues related to farmers markets roadside stands, community supported agriculture programs and other direct producer-to consumer marketing channels. Proposals may involve any of the following:

- **Improving Access to Relevant Marketing and Financial Information.** These projects provide opportunities and promote training, education, networking, technical assistance and information sharing for farmers, vendors, market management and market sponsors.
- **Consumer-Based Education and Market Access.** These projects address ways to improve consumers' access to and utilization of direct farm markets/marketing outlets.
- **Innovative Approaches to Market Operations and Management.** These projects address operational or market management issues, with the aim of enhancing product value and sales, increasing revenue and efficiency, or reducing expenses.

Info: Carmen Humphrey (copy of application), 202/720-8317; e-mail, Carmen.Humphrey@usda.gov

SAMSHA: CIRCLES OF CARE IV: INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS IN AI/AN COMMUNITIES (MAY)

Description: The purpose of this program is to provide tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based system of care to support mental health and wellness for their children, youth, and families. These grants will increase the capacity and effectiveness of behavioral health systems serving AI/AN communities. As a result, Circles of Care grantees will be equipped to reduce the gap between the need for behavioral health services and the availability and coordination of services for children and families in AI/AN communities. In FY 2008, SAMHSA/CMHS is especially interested in projects that focus on improving the linkages between primary care and behavioral health.

Deadline: May 9, 2008

Contact:
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IHS: DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES IN YOUTH (APRIL)

Description: The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces a cooperative agreement, HHS-2008-IHS-HLY-0001 for Tribes or Tribal organizations to promote healthy lifestyles among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth using the curriculum "Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life" (TRAIL) among selected Boys and Girls Club sites. This program is authorized under the authority of the Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C. 13; Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended; and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. 1652 and 1621 (b). This program is described at 93.933 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).

Deadline: April 18, 2008

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Thursday, March 13, 2008

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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES NEW APPLICATION CYCLE FOR THE MONTANA MAIN STREET PROGRAM (JULY)

(HELENA) – The Montana Main Street program, which promotes the revitalization of historic downtown business districts, announced that it will open up a new cycle of applications on April 1, 2008. Two to three new communities will be selected for Main Street designation.

“The Main Street Program helps preserve the heart and soul of a community,” said Governor Brian Schweitzer. “Montana’s towns are known for their unique character and colorful history and this program not only maintains the essence of these communities, it also promotes economic development.”

The benefits of becoming a Main Street community include:

- Improved building facades and rehabilitated buildings
- New businesses and jobs
- Growth of locally-owned businesses
- Expanded tax base
- More efficient growth and an alternative to sprawl
- Increased public and private investment in the downtown
- Preservation of historic and cultural resources
- Improved downtown and community image
- New and improved events to bring fun and foot traffic downtown

Applications can be downloaded from the Department of Commerce’s website, www.mtmainstreet.mt.gov, starting April 1, or by calling Julie Burk at 406/841-2756. Applications will be due July 1, 2008.

Workshop on Highway Construction Contracting for Minorities and Women in Montana

March 20th 2008

Lake County Community Dev.
407 Main Street SW
Ronan, Mt 59864

**FREE
1-day workshop
8:00am-4:00pm**

**Don't Miss This One!
RSVP BY Monday
March 17th**

Shannon Hahn,
shahn@mt.gov
(406)444-7287

**Meet and Greet with
Continental Breakfast
from 8:00 to 9:00 am
Lunch Provided By
Rose Bud Deli**

WHAT'S HAPPENING? TRAINING ON

- ✓ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program—Certification
- ✓ What Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has to offer..
- ✓ Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) How we can help for FREE
- ✓ Bonding— Western States Ins. (Fred Thomas)
- ✓ Native American Economic Development Study
- ✓ C2 Business Solutions—Let me HELP you
- ✓ Counselors to America's Small Business (SCORE) - What they can do for you

Sponsored by MDT DBE Program
and
C2 Business Solutions

MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person participating in any service, program or activity of the Dept. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request. For further information call (406) 444-6331 TTY (800) 335-7592, or Montana Relay at 711.



Blackfeet Nation Benefits Fair

Daring to be Different



Train the Trainer Seminar – Working Together

Information on

- ♦ Social Security Retirement/ Survivor/ Disability/ Medicare
- ♦ Supplemental Security Income/Homeless Outreach Project/Appeals
 - ♦ Social Security Employment Support Services
 - ♦ Protection and Advocacy/Medicaid
- ♦ Tribal and Montana Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- ♦ Indian Health Service/Blackfeet Tribal Health Services
- ♦ Veterans' Administration Benefits/ Bureau of Indian Affairs Human Services
- ♦ Blackfeet Manpower Program/ Experience Work Program
- ♦ Blackfeet Community Health Representatives Program
 - ♦ Eagle Shield Services

Eagle Shield Senior Center
Browning, Montana
May 13th and 14th, 2008


Agenda –Tuesday, May 13th

1:00 P.M. to 1:20 P.M. – Prayer. Introduction and Welcome by Mr. Earl Old Person, Chairman, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

1:20 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Social Security Retirement and Survivor Benefit entitlements, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits, Disability Benefits, and Medicare by Andrew Hudson, Public Affairs Specialist, SSA, Helena

3:00 to 3:10 P.M. – Break

3:10 to 4:30 P.M. – SSI and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) medical determination by Dan Lofton and Roger Ala, DDS, Helena

5:00 to 7:00 P.M. –  Blackfeet Group invites workshop participants and presenters to have dinner at the end of the day. Evening activities are planned.

Please Join Us!

Agenda –Wednesday, May 14th

8:30 A.M. to 8:40 A.M. – Prayer by Community Member and Introductions.

8:40 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. – Social Security Employment Support Services by Gary Flom, Montana Center on Disabilities @ MSU-Billings, Billings

10:15 A.M. to 10:25 A.M. – Break

10:25 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. – Protection and Advocacy by Liesl Beck and Lynn Winslow, Montana Advocacy Program, Helena

12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. – Veterans Administration Montana Health Care Services by W.J. ‘Buck’ Richardson, Minority Vet Program, Rocky Mountain Health Network, Denver, CO

{A noon working lunch hosted by the Eagle Shield Senior Center and AARP}

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. – Blackfeet Vocational Rehabilitation Program by Sharyl Wells, Blackfeet VR Coordinator, Browning, and Montana Vocational Rehabilitation Services by Barbara Varnum, DPHHS, Helena

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Medicaid Services and eligibility by Joy Buckley, Social Services Specialist, Browning OPA, John Hein, DPHHS, Helena, and John Hoffland, DPHHS, Helena

3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. – Blackfeet Nation Services Panel (Moderator, Mary Ellen LaFromboise) – Manpower Program by George Kipp, Director; Eagle Shield Services by Connie Bremner, Director; Experience Work by Wilma Many White Horses, Senior Community Service Employment Program Administrative Assistant; Tribal Health by June Tatsey, Director; I.H.S. by Lisa Racine-Wells, Administrative Officer; BIA by Leslie Gilham, Social Service Representative; and CHR by Mary Ellen LaFromboise, Director



(Booths and tables with brochures and other program information will be available from presenters and other agencies and organizations. Door prizes! Snacks provided by the Eagle Shield Center and Montana AARP)

**Training provided by the Social Security Administration
Blackfeet Tribal Health Department
Blackfeet Manpower Program
Blackfeet Aging Services
Blackfeet CHR Services
Indian Health Service
Montana Advocacy Program
BIA Human Services Department
Glacier County Office of Public Assistance
Montana Center on Disabilities at MSU-Billings
Veterans Administration Montana Health Care Service
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services**



Topics for Discussion

Social Security Benefits – Instructor from the Helena Social Security Administration Office will provide information about Social Security retirement and survivor's benefits. Topics will include and are not limited to eligibility requirements, how benefits are calculated, and how work affects entitlement to benefits. Medicare eligibility, enrollments periods and coverage will also be presented.

Supplemental Security Income – Instructor from the Helena Social Security Administration Office will provide information about the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. Topics will include and are not limited to eligibility requirements, calculation of payments and income and resource (assets) limits.

Social Security Disability Insurance – Instructors from SSA and DDS will provide information regarding Social Security benefits payable to disabled workers, disabled widow(er)s, and disabled adult children. Topics will include and are not limited to eligibility requirements, benefit calculations, continuing disability reviews, Homeless Outreach Projects, and how the Montana Disability Determination Services evaluates medical and other evidence of disability for adults and children.

Medicaid and VR Services – Instructors from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Service will review the financial and non-financial criteria for entitlement to Medicaid and VR benefits in Montana. There are several Medicaid programs for families, children, and pregnant women. The criteria for state Medicaid assistance for qualified Medicare beneficiaries will also be covered.

Blackfeet VR/ Tribal Health/Manpower/ Aging/ CHR/ Experience Work – Instructors from the Blackfeet Nation will provide information about Tribal services.

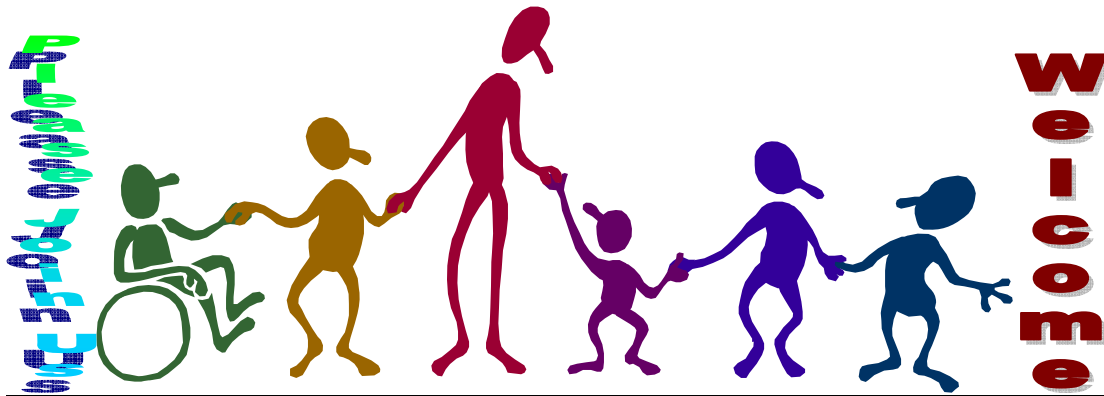
Bureau of Indian Affairs Human Services - Instructor will provide information about Bureau services.

Indian Health Service – Administrative Officer will provide information about I.H.S. services including Contracted Health Services and how people qualify for CHS.

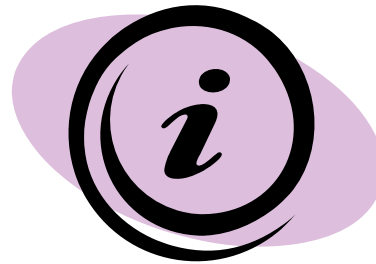
Employment Works: Montana's Transition from BPAO to WIPA project is part of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act that was established in 1999. The goal of the project is to provide direct service to Social Security Disability beneficiaries in understanding and utilizing employment supports and work incentives and achieving their vocational goals.

PABSS/MAP/CAP – The Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) is a resource established under the "Ticket to Work" and the Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. PABSS staff members provide direct advocacy and representation to protect and secure the rights of SSI and SSDI beneficiaries who are trying to gain, regain, or maintain employment. PABSS services primarily focus on resolving and removing barriers to employment. Instructors from Helena will also provide information about protection and advocacy services within the Montana Advocacy Program (MAP) including the Client Assistance Program which assists individuals who are seeking or receiving services under the Rehab Act as amended in 1998.

Department of Veterans Affairs – Instructors from Veterans Administration, Rocky Mountain Health Network, will provide information regarding services and eligibility requirements for Veterans Administration benefits and entitlements.



Sharing in the Spirit of Learning



For More Information Please Contact:

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Roberta Whiteman, Indian Health Service, Browning, 338-8904;
Gary Flom, Montana Center on Disabilities, MSU-Billings at 1-888-866-3822;
Roger Ala, DDS, Helena, at 1-800-545-3054

The presenters want to thank the Blackfeet Nation Tribal Business Council, Indian Health Service, Blackfeet Manpower Program, Eagle Shield Center, Blackfeet CHR, and the Montana AARP for their leadership and assistance in organizing and sponsoring the Blackfeet Nation Benefits Fair.



Thank You



Teaching with Film Institute

NAS 495-80 (3 credits)

Native American Filmmakers

July 21-27, University of Montana, Dr. Lawson, NAS

<http://www.umt.edu/ce/summer/twfi.htm>

Learn to use films about Native Americans, made by Native Americans in the classroom. This course will explore documentaries, feature films, and art films by Native filmmakers that you can use to teach Music, Film, History, English, Native American Studies, and more. In one week you can begin to develop curricula, and earn three upper division credits at the University of Montana.



Still from *The Doe Boy*



Director Sandra Osawa
(Makah)



Cheyenne/Arapaho director Chris Eyre



33rd Annual Head Start Pow-Wow

**Friday
April 4th 2008**

**Ronan Events
Center**

Grand Entry

5:30 pm

(only invited drums will be paid)

**Dinner
Provided**

**Contact
676-4509**

**For additional
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headstart@cskt.org**

